

CHAPTER 12 RENEWABLE FUELS AND COPRODUCTS

21—12.1(159A) Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to further the economic development of Iowa and to encourage production of the renewable fuel and coproduct industry of Iowa by providing specific funding for technical assistance to any person who is located in Iowa or desiring to locate in Iowa.

21—12.2(159A) Definitions.

“Coordinator” means the administrative head of the office of renewable fuels and coproducts appointed by the secretary of agriculture as provided in Iowa Code section 159A.3.

“Coproduct” means a product other than a renewable fuel which at least in part is derived from the processing of agricultural commodities, and which may include corn gluten feed, distillers grain or solubles, or can be used as livestock feed or a feed supplement.

“Department” or *“IDALS”* means the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

“Fund” means the renewable fuels and coproducts fund established pursuant to Iowa Code section 159A.7.

“Innovative” means a new or different agricultural product or a method of processing agricultural products which is an improvement over traditional methods in a new, different, or unusual way.

“Office” means the office of renewable fuels and coproducts created pursuant to Iowa Code section 159A.3 within the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

“Person” means individual, corporation, limited liability company, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

“Renewable fuel” means an energy source at least in part derived from an organic compound, capable of powering machinery, including an engine or power plant. A renewable fuel includes, but is not limited to, ethanol-blended or soydiesel fuel.

“Rural economic value-added mentoring program” or *“REVAMP”* means a program which provides assistance to develop or refine business plans for value-added businesses.

“Value-added product” means a product which, through a series of activities or processes, can be sold at a higher price than its original purchase price.

21—12.3(159A) General provisions. Financial support for planning, technical assistance, and feasibility studies for persons interested in developing renewable fuel or coproduct industries in the state of Iowa.

12.3(1) A person applying for assistance must satisfy the following requirements:

- a.* Applicant must be interested in developing a value-added industry located in Iowa by:
 - (1) Producing a product from an agricultural commodity which was not previously produced from an agricultural commodity; or
 - (2) Using a new process to produce a product derived from an agricultural process which is not commonly used to produce that product; or
 - (3) Establishing or expanding a renewable fuel production facility.

- b.* Applicant must submit a Planning and Technical Assistance Application, a Memorandum of Understanding, and cooperate in development or refinement of a business plan.

12.3(2) Assistance is available as follows:

- a.* The office will provide up to \$1,000 for a contracted consulting agency to perform an initial consultation and assessment of a business's proposed project.

- b.* Upon the recommendation of a consulting agency and upon concurrence of the department, additional moneys up to \$24,000 may be made available for feasibility studies, planning, and technical assistance for each project's business plan. Consultants under contract with the office shall be reimbursed directly by the office.

- c.* Any and all additional costs shall be paid entirely by the applicant.

12.3(3) Applications shall be processed by the coordinator on a first-come, first-served basis, based upon the receipt of documents by the office. Application materials may be obtained from Office of Renewable Fuels and Coproducts, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, East 9th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, (515)281-6936. Any person may resubmit an application with revisions as long as fees paid by the office remain under the maximum amount per project.

21—12.4(159A) Renewable fuels motor vehicle fuels decals. All motor vehicle fuel kept, offered or exposed for sale or sold at retail containing over 1 percent of a renewable fuel shall be identified with a decal located on front of the motor vehicle fuel pump and placed between 30" and 50" above the driveway level or in an alternative location approved by the department. The appearance of the decal shall conform to the following standards adopted by the renewable fuels and coproducts advisory committee:

12.4(1) The only two sizes of decals approved are the following:

- a. A design of 1.25" by 4".
- b. A design of 2" by 6".

12.4(2) All labels shall have the word "with" in letters a minimum of .1875" high, and the name of the renewable fuel in letters a minimum of .5" high.

12.4(3) The use of color, design and wording shall be approved by the renewable fuels and coproducts advisory committee. The coordinator may receive input from any party, including the weights and measures bureau of the department, in recommending the color, design, and wording. The advisory committee shall approve the color, design, and wording of the decal to promote the use of renewable fuels.

12.4(4) All black and white fuel pump stickers shall be replaced by approved colorful fuel pump decals effective July 1, 1995.

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